

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 2, amend the paragraph beginning on line 9 to read as follows:

Fig. 20A is a schematic front elevational view showing an example of a structure of a combustion apparatus such as a boiler or the like, and Fig. 20B is a schematic side elevational view of the combustion apparatus. Three stages of burners 2 and one stage of air port (hereinafter, refer to as an after air port (AAP) because the air port exists in a back flow side of a gas flow as seen from the burner) are attached in the furnace defined and formed by a water wall 1 so as to face to each other in four rows. In order to supply the combustion air to each of the burners 2 and the AAP 3, a wind box 4 for burner and a wind box 5 for AAP are respectively placed. The burner 2 executes a combustion in which an air ratio (air amount supplied to the burner/theoretical amount of air) is about 0.8. In other words, the NO_x generation can be lowered by executing the combustion in which the air is slightly short in comparison with the air amount (the theoretical air amount theoretically required for a complete combustion of the fuel). However, since a rate of the unburned fuel (hereinafter, refer to as an unburned combustible) is inversely increased, the complete combustion is executed by injecting a shortfall air by the AAP 3 in the back flow side.